REMARKS

In response to the outstanding Office Action, Applicant has amended Claim 13 responsive to the objection of 37 CFR 1.75(c). Claims 1, 3, 8, 10, 13, 15, 21, 24, 28, 30 and 31 have been amended responsive to the rejection to the under 35 USC 112 second paragraph. Claims 4-7 and 11 have been cancelled responsive to the rejection under 35 USC 112 second paragraph. In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that all outstanding grounds for objection and rejection have been complied with and accordingly, the Claims pending for examination, namely claims 1-3, 8-10 and 12-31 are now in condition for allowance which early action is requested.

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